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SONG.

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I'll remember thee, when the last ray of the dawn,
The cheek of the lily in hate in the lawn,
And the blush of Aurora is bright on the sky,
Where the last tear of dew-drop in their radiance lie.

When the hammock weeps on the lap of the spring,
And the nightingale sighs with his whispering wing—
When among the plain in his dalliance air,
He talks me of flowers into their blooms everywhere.

I'll remember thee, at the fall of the even,
Pale twilight is dim on the fold of the heaven,
And the gems, on her brow in their brilliancy glow,
And the planet and the hilltop are silent below.

I'll remember thee, yes, when pale autumn is near,
With her tassel of leaves and her mantle all sere,
When the blush of the pink from the brown bank flows,
And the pride of the grove o'er the valley is strewn.

When the breast of the forest is lonely and still—
All withered the lily that bloomed by the sill,
And the nightingale's song from the valley is fled,
Its twinkling notes has ceased from her glee.

I'll remember thee, yes, when the winter's loud song,
Is dash'd over the cold valley and mountain,
And the bellflower and tulip are cold in their grave,
Where the blasts of the north and the hurricane rave.

And, when cometh sweet summer, and flowers of green,
And robed is the green in her tremulous sheen,
And the fairy is hidden on the meadow, and where,
The lark wakes his lay, I'll remember thee there.

Original Tales.

THE THREE FRIENDS.

WRITTEN FOR THE UNITED STATES SATURDAY POST, BY BROADDUS W. TWYMAN, AUTHOR OF "THE TRIUMPH OF VIRTUE."

"They grew together,
Like a noble cherry, nourishing pastes;
But put a union in partakers
Three lovely buds, with one soul on one stem;
So with three seeming bodies, but one heart,
Two lovely berries moulded on one stem;
So with three seeming bodies, but one heart,
Two lovely berries moulded on one stem;
So with three seeming bodies, but one heart,
So we were coupled and inseparable."
—Shakspeare.

"Sweet Auburn! loveliest village of the plain."
—Goldsmith.

CHAPTER I.

The village of Clifton is situated on the extreme north side of that rich body of land in the heart of Kentucky, pronounced by all to be our great statesmen, "the garden spot of the world" and is in every way worthy of being called the most beautiful town in that most beautiful portion of that most beautiful country. Who, that has ever passed from west to east through the main street of this lovely place, and seen those nice rows of locusts that border its pavements from one extreme to the other, and looked upon the white cottages with their sweet flower gardens, and green yards—front, has not felt that he could rest and be content to be happy with its inhabitants?

Midway this street, on the north side, stands a large two-story brick building—red in front but white on the ends—the memory of which has been perpetuated by my poetical friend, Bernard, of Mobile, in his farewell address to its fair inmates, in the following lines:

"Farewell to thee—oh, white and red!
Farewell to thee, my dear school bed!
Whose attentions often have led
To—nothing but sleep!"

This is the FEMALE ACADEMY. How many of my old fellow students will recognize this picture, and call to mind the many happy hours their *accustomed* stroll past this *attractive* house may have given them! Ah, my schoolmates, my temperament are such, that you will feel averse to speak of the *last* principal, till the muscles of her face work swelled like coal in the effort to make herself heard. I too, have suffered the scroll—or other, but I verily believe I could walk blindfold from the "old pump corner" in the end of the street, and tell, by the instinct I've gained by practice, the school reading in my gait, when I was opposite "the white and red."

Just across the stupendous bridge over the road leading to the capitol of our State, high on the hills, in the big white house with the wealthy old Dr. ——, immediately opposite stands the romantic looking residence of our late ex-Governor, towering in front of which is the magnificent monument erected to his memory by the love and veneration of his grieved fellow citizens. Far away in the night, at the opposite end of the town—thanks to the generous munificence of the lamented Pankbing—stands a noble college edifice, the earnest of the morality and intelligence of the sweet village, of which it is the pride and ornament. And thus on each side of the "old pump corner" the beauties of "beloved Clifton," but we will close by leaving you, kind reader, reclining on the shady bank of that little rivulet, over which gushes like a half-grown river from the cave beneath those jutting, craggy rocks that overhang its mouth.

CHAPTER II.

"I saw three beings in the bow of youth,
They all were young, and all were beautiful."
—Byron.

It was the latter hour of the dismissal of the scholars in the morning, in the month of June, 18—, that a tall, pale, slenderly-formed, thin-visaged youth of eighteen might be seen slowly pursuing the female academy, and withstanding his delicate appearance, there was that in his tall, parting lips, and clear, prominent, searching blue eye, which evinced no small degree of the sensualist and voluptuary.

Opposite the door, he paused and commenced carving the initials of his name on a locust in front of the main entrance. We cannot do him the injustice to suppose that mere absentmindedness induced him so to act. From the frequent glancing of his eye to the rear of the aforesaid passage, we are inclined to the opinion that he hoped to see some one. Nor was he disappointed; in a few moments two young girls of fifteen entered the passage, and attached to the front door, and by smiles and nods recognized the presence of a lover. They paused but long enough to pass the compliments of the day, and then, with a hurried look back-ward, waited and called for an account of this treepass on his rules. Their trembling voices would scarcely have been loud enough to penetrate his dull ear—but in such occasions, we have been told, he was particularly hard of hearing.

Luther Willard turned and walked in an opposite direction to that whence he came. What were his meditations we will ascertain by approaching and listening to his low mutterings as he saunters along.

"These ——d wo lovely girls," said he, "have ashes in character and yet how ashlike in person. Clara Benson seems the picture of health while Emma Danforth appears to be already marked as a victim to consumption. Small as Clara is, to look upon in rounded form, her way, hoping that absence would obliterate from her mind all such feelings.

But ah! who can tell with what deep devotion, what soul-absorbing intensity the sensitive nature of Emma Clifton can love?

She confided her secret to no one but Isabel, and upon learning from her that he and Clara were mutually engaged, she stirred to conquer her feelings, and receive him as the chosen one of her friend. For some time she evinced no desire to mingle with her young friends, but rather seemed to cultivate a disposition to retire from society and live in solitude. Still she declined to receive her friend, save Clara. Of this she seemed to have a feeling.

She is worthy of him, Isabel," said she, one day, to Miss Graham—"she is worthy of any one. But I have a strange presentiment, that if he can ever married, it will be to Mr. Willard. Don't beseech you, don't think me wicked, when I tell you that the idea will intrude itself upon me, that her career on earth will be short, and that I will yet be his wife. Oh! but would it not be hard," she exclaimed, wringing her arms around Isabel, and looking up in her face, as if reproaching her for some wrong, "would it not be hard if you should ever see me step between me and him, as she does now? And thus the only friends to whom I have ever given my whole heart unconditionally, are the only two that stand in my most cherished wishes! But be it so—if my fate to sacrifice my feelings for the happiness of another's, I will do so one world I more cheerfully resign even life itself, than for you and Clara."

Early in the succeeding year Willard and Miss Benson were married. A few months after which they visited Clifton; and this was the last time the three friends ever met.

They were delighted to find that Emma had, in considerable degree, recovered her health and spirits, and gratified to perceive that she enjoyed their company so much.

The time passed very pleasantly in all parties. Willard and his wife embraced the opportunity to visit and receive the congratulations of all friends and acquaintances. But the day of separation soon rolled on. They took leave with regret, and returned to their native country, bearing with them the good wishes and kind feelings of all who knew them—while Emma and Isabel remained, firmer friends ever, spending their time together at the home of each alternately.

Alas! how often do we take a merry farewell of our best friends, little thinking it is the last time we ever shall set eyes on their beloved forms. Else how much more clinging would be the fond embrace—how much warmer would we grasp the hand which we are pressing for the last time—and how leathe we would be to part at all. Yet a little longer would we retain them and enjoy their company—but a short while more, and then with grief and reluctance we bid them adieu forever.

Two years, two short years elapsed, and Clara was the first one of the friends called from earth to heaven. She died calmly and tranquilly, happily, leaving to her bereaved husband the care of an interesting little son. During her illness she said long to see Isabel, to visit Emma and Isabel first, and if he could love neither of them, to marry some other one of her old friends and the school mates. The same month in which she was committed to the tomb, bid farewell to the error of his ways and submitting to his Saviour.

CHAPTER V.

"Oh! how we love
Something wherewith a may bind my heart:
Something to love—to call our own—
Affection's tenderest wreath."—Unknown.

A letter from Luther Willard to his sister.

"Sister—sister you well know it—has been an eventful life. Truly we are born there been 'romance in reality.' I long for companionship—a home friend to love, have so am miserable. I have sat and wondered what on earth to do? At one time I would determine to give myself up to religion—the study of the law and politics, and by making Fame my mistress, in years to come, lie and leave a worthy memory in my son—at another I would determine, God being my helper, to devote my all to his cause: and then my perplexity has tempted me to say

"'I'll make me a willow cabin at your gate,
And call upon my fair Emma aloud
Till she will unbosom
I'll lay me under the cold dew abroad
Forget and grow.'

And then, startle me, I have said I will marry again, and so find happiness. Did you never wander over some old field, where not a month ago, you had in love marked the forest that had been save one old oak, that, 'barkless and branchless,' lifted its weather-beaten head, and seemed to tell your sorrow? Did you ever see the lightning flash and thunder strike? Marked you the green ivy that twined its clinging tendrils round the solitary old warrior, as if to shelter him from the wintry wind and protect him from the storm. I, dear sister, am that withered oak—she is the ivy—she is to be one in its sweet embrace, and shade me with its leaves! Passions, alone but warm passions of desire to mingle our hearts, I could not found one who would be true in sickness or in health—who loved me for my own sake—who for myself alone was amiable—who was, in short, a Christian even before she made a profession of religion, did I love as a strong man loves indeed. What could I not say—what could I love? her who is now in heaven! The story of my married life you know. Well tasked, well tried, well wearied I am to enjoy the great reconpense which she richly deserved and for deeds done on earth.

"She lived to love and serve the Lord,
And die the precepts of his word:
Then did her soul to heaven aspire,
In joy, triumph and victory.

"Strange that a man who had such a wife should hint marriage so soon after her death! Stranger still that a man who once enjoyed the companionship of such a woman should not often yearn for the society of a virtuous, amiable female! Such are my thoughts in moments of sadness and perplexity—and such moments no matter how I act—are more frequent than any one imagines—but when I reflect that she for whom I am living think, or to whom I may look will be pillow her head on that bosom where my sainted Clara once reclined, to those lips where those tender vows have been breathed, and 'eyes looked love to eyes that spake again'—great heavens I shudder at the thought! Such ideas pass away, and then the prospective steals o'er my mind, and I go back in memory to days of yore, and then think of my present—and then anticipate and—I feel that my soul exclaim, 'there's nothing left to care for now since my dear Clara died.'

"I know that I ought not indulge such thoughts—I know that it is my duty

"To make the best I can of life,
Nor render it a curse,
But take it as we take a wife,
For better or for worse."

but I am unhappy in my present condition, and know not what to do. Will you advise me? At all I tell you candidly that after mature consideration I have concluded to *take a wife for better or for worse* myself, his friends are delighted, the audience pleased—he ceases, amid the loud and animated cheering of all who hear him. The dignified president pronounces a benediction, and the speaker is seen, with the loved one in his arm, wending his way from church. 'A change comes over the spirit of my dream.' Another scene rises to my view. The festive halls are lighted up—the sound of mirth and gaiety is heard—the veil goes merry as a marriage bell.' But in you distant corner of the assembly-room the young speaker is seen bending o'er his little bird,' whispering in soft accents the first pure love his heart has felt—and she is trembling in his arms, and she murmurs a reply that delights him with her sweet voice. Nine months after the death of his wife found Luther Willard in Clifton on a visit to Benson and Isabel. He found his first on Emma, but a short time sufficed for him to discover that she was in the last stages of consumption. And though he felt that he could take he, to his heart as a loved and cherished sister, his better judgment warned him not to say or do aught to lead her mind from the contemplation of the concerns of another and better state of existence than this. She too, with the amiable disinterestedness characteristic of her nature—seeming perfectly aware of her situation—told him it was her particular request that he should address their mutual friend, Miss Graham. In compliance with that request he went immediately to see Isabel, and, having now an opportunity to appreciate the excellencies of her character, at the same time that he was fascinated by her beauty, he began to love with a devotion that surprised even himself.

And now, gentle reader, with your permission, I will insert a part of a real love letter from Willard to Isabel, which will give an insight to the feelings towards Emma, and also exhibit the progress of the new love which had taken such entire possession of his heart.

"You will recollect, dear Isabel, that I visited you in company with Emma. And soon after I left you I began to think her worthy to be the presence of so much loveliness. I found it impossible not to love when I was around her. Her feelings towards Emma, and also exhibit the progress of the new love which had taken such entire possession of his heart.

Willard and Isabel were married, and ere three months had elapsed, news came to them that Emma Duncan was expected to die. They hastened to her bed-side! she was his fair goze to recognize her friends. In a few days, her body was consigned to the "dust from which it sprung, and her soul to the God who gave it." Luther and his wife remained for sometime in Clifton, imparting and receiving favors and happiness.

CHAPTER VIII.

"It may be fancy, but how still the soul
Doth feel when thinking of the friends of youth!
Perhaps it is the feeling of our own
Decline of life—the being of them ourselves."—Wordsworth.

A letter from Willard to his sister, written soon after Emma's death.

"I have been recently thinking of my past life, and can but marvel at the difference between my present anticipations, and those I once expressed to you on the day that I reached my sixteenth year—when in your front portico, parting the hair on my forehead, you impressed on me a kiss denoting the affectionate remark—and so my youngest and favorite brother, is sixteen.'

"Do you recollect, dear sister, how full of buoyant hope and joyous life your wild young brother was? And how you checked the exuberance of his feelings, and counselled those of a youthful mind, by telling me, 'I little knew the trouble there might be in store for me; that perhaps I might be the study of life, even before I had begun the career which I had marked out for myself, and therefore I should think of those things?'

"The visions of glory and honor floated before my excited imagination—my fancy pictured to me the many changes in the world—a multitude by the magic power of 'thoughts that breathe and words that burn'—my proud heart felt the swelling desire of a name that renounced halls of the nations, world satisfy its ambitious cravings. Now, I am content, humbly and meekly, to adore the decrees of my blessed Saviour; the loftiest desire I have on earth, is to be the means of turning one sinner to repentance—the end and object of my being is so to let my light shine, that 'others seeing my good works, may be constrained to glorify my heavenly Father.'

"But how you may ask me, if such are my feelings, why not, as I was once urged by our good friend, Mr. Henry, turn my attention to the study of divinity, and by devoting all my time to the sacred calling, enter the pulpit at once? In answer I would say that my nature too well, to flatter myself that I possess sufficient dignity to command the respect, to the position of a minister, and I am not fit up with the reverence requisite for the pastor of a church. Besides, I am too prone to indulge in the follies of life, and too easily allured by the allurement of the world, not to shrink from a calling, wherein the least peccadillo would be a disgrace, also, in myself as to let my public duties, that 'others seeing my conduct, may be constrained to glorify my heavenly Father.'

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about to metamorphose him ("John") into a losing game of cribbage, he, Mr. Argus Green, unfairly scoring with this: "one for his head" and "two for his book." "John" kept this opposition to himself, simply exclaiming, as Gamming—hi finds my bone above hand stockings!"

"Behold the faithless recipient of my wages," proceeded Mr. Argus Green.

"Two and nine pence is a mission less than my last place," vouchsafed the new highly-excited John."

"The devourer of my daily bread," continued Argus.

"Hi beg your pardon," ejaculated "John."

"And why, that I should live to say it!" sighed Mr. Argus Green.

"Oh, that you should!" echoed "John."

"The fell destroyer of my peace—my peace of mind," roared Mr. Argus Green!

"That he there-as-ed I!" blubbered the bewildered "John."

There was a fearful silence for some few moments. It was broken by Mrs. Argus Green, who demanded, in an imploring manner, "if Mr. Argus Green was mad?"

"I am, ma'am," shouted Mr. Argus Green—"mad—mad—as mad as a March hare!"

"Bedlam," suggested "John," thereby giving vent, to the only lunatic asylum he ever was lodged in, and at the same time exposing his long-remembered opinion as to Mr. Argus Green's mental state of mind.

"Yes, fiend, to Bedlam, if you will! and you—you—you eighteen pound a year city-city!—you are the cause," continued Mr. Argus Green made one step towards "John."

"John" seized a large lump of coal from the sensible female him, and stood like another David awaiting the approach of another Goliah.

Mr. Argus Green paused.

"I demand an instant explanation," cried Mrs. Argus Green.

"Heel! her! his blatant blasphemation!" seconded "John."

"You shall have one, ma'am," exploded the rapid Argus; "I have it before your minion. Know then, ma'am, the husband you would deceive is not dead!" The victim of your acts has cats—his ears have been his friends. By them he has threatened you. Out of his reptile's mouth will I convict you. Answer me, fellow! have you not, in this very house, in this very room, behind my back, and in moments of inadvertence put your feet, in short, on all occasions been addressed—[shame, madam! where is thy blush?]—addressed—oh, my tongue cannot reiterate the horrid utterance—addressed, traitor! as John during?"

"Seriously?" responded "John."

"And you avow it, unblushing wretch that you are, you openly avow it!" groaned Mr. Argus Green.

"In course I does," snorted the astounded John.

"One word more—one oneness, rather—and this is the last," crooked Mr. Argus Green, writhing beneath his spasmodic attempts to appear calm. "What, what is the cause of misery! madness!—who, yes, who gave you their name?"

"My godfathers and godmothers," whined "John," with a peculiarly pious expression.

The words were simple, but had all the thunderbolts that have ever issued from the Cyclops' anvils, been conglomerated in one vast denunciation and hurled at the individual head of the petrified Argus, they could not have produced a more immediate effect upon his "thoughts' region," than did these words upon his thoughts themselves. Mr. Argus Green felt like one recovering from a hideous dream.

All Mr. Argus Green's relations thawed, like ice-cream in the jaws of a salamander, as they reached in a body to congratulate Mrs. Argus Green on the happy denouement to Mr. Argus Green's deadly and inquisitive fit. Mr. Argus Green having conceived "John's" peculiar patronymic to have been used as a term of endearment.

John, to use his own emphatic words, was "flabbergasted" when his master, "Mister Hargus Green, shook is and, gave him the beavis two pound ten per hannum," and full permission to communicate his union with the before eighty-enfolded to Betty.

We have only to add, that from that day to this, Mr. Argus Green tenderly defends the approaches of the "green-eyed monster," by recalling the fallies he was guilty of, when under its influence, he allowed himself to be made wretched by its villainous suggestions as to the innocent and deeply wronged Jane Dalzine.

THE GREAT LAKES.

From some observations made by Professor Drake, of Cincinnati, upon the Great Lakes, we quote the following facts:

The chain of lakes extends over nearly eight and a half degrees of latitude in longitude and sixteen degrees of longitude in length. The extent of their surface is estimated at 93,000 square miles; and the area of country drained by them is computed at 400,000 square miles. Their relative sizes are as follows:

Ontario,	6,300 square miles;
Erie,	9,600
Huron,	20,400
Superior,	32,000.

The average depth of water in the different lakes is a curious upon which there has been certain information. Authorities differ. Dr. Drake gives it as follows:—Lake Ch. 20 feet; Erie, 84; Ontario, 500; Superior, 900. Michigan that Michigan, 1,000.

In our standard works Lake Erie is usually stated to have a depth of 120 feet. The deepest soundings have been taken in the middle. Off Saginaw Bay, 1,800 feet of line have been sent down without finding bottom.

"The altitude of these lakes varies step by step from Ontario to Superior. Lake Ontario is 232 feet above the tide water of the St. Lawrence. Erie is 325 feet above Ontario and 565 feet above tide water at Albany. St. Clair is six feet higher than Erie; Huron and Michigan are thirteen feet above St. Clair, and Superior two forty-four feet above them. The above the curious fact, that while the surface of Huron is 684 feet above the level of the ocean, its bottom, at Saginaw Bay, is more than 1,100 feet below the same level.

"The waters of these lakes, until the exception of Erie and St. Clair, are remarkable for their transparency and delicious flavor. As Professor Drake ascertained that the water at the surface, and two hundred feet below at the same place, indicated precisely the same temperature, to wit: fifty-six degrees. His explanation of this fact is this: the waters are so pure that the rays of the sun meet with no solid matter in suspension to arrest and retain the heat."

A writer in the Cincinnati Atlas furnishes an account of a "farm" in Canada:

"There is a great curiosity about thirty miles from Kingston, near the outlet of the Bay of Quinte, in Canada. It was built a few years ago, in company with Professor Lyell, of London, who commenced it in one of the greatest curiosities of the kind he ever saw. It is what is called in Scotland a 'Tarn'—a mountain lake. It is situated upon a conical hill about 250 feet high. It is three-quarters of a mile in diameter, and occupies the whole surface of the hill.

"The lake is consequently entirely without inlet; yet a small stream constantly escapes from one side of it, down the side of a hill, turning the wheels of a flourishing mill, which has been erected for the purpose. The level of the water in the lake is supposed to be about 250 feet above that of the bay below. As there are no high lands within fifty or sixty miles, or perhaps a greater distance, the question arises, whence comes the supply for the mountain lake?

"Professor Lyell supposes it to occupy the crater of an extinct volcano, and to receive its waters through the hidden sources, from a great distance; but did not coincide with the popular belief that the bottom of the lake is unfountain head was Lake Erie, although it is supposed that they occupy the same level."

GREAT STORM.—The Mayesville Eagle of a recent date says:—"A very severe storm has just passed over this city and neighborhood, doing much damage to the fields, fell in sections, accompanied with hail! The high wind that prevailed during the night, besides blowing down thousands of rails, and the fences of farmers around us, tore into pieces a frame and a log building in East Maysville. It also blew and one or two large trees in a building.—Mr. Henry Nicholson, which crushed, in its fall, a frame immediately adjoining."

INTERNAL IMPROVEMENTS.—FRIDAY.—Bills have passed the House of Representatives appropriating State lands for the extension of the Central National, 150,000 acres; the Southern National, 45,000 acres; also, 15,000 acres for the improvement of Grand River, 30,000 acres for the Muskingum and Kalamazoo Canal, and 5,000 acres for the Flint River. As the Legislature have no money at command, they appropriate the lands which they received from the General Government, under the act of September, 1841.

FLORIDA.—Under the new constitution of Florida recently admitted into the Union as a State, an election will be held about the 12th of May next, for a Governor, one Representative to Congress, and a Legislature composed of seventeen Senators and forty-one Representatives. The Legislature will assemble about the 5th of June next, and elect, besides its own officers, two U. S. Senators.

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OUR WEEKLY GOSSIP.

Although all the world, and more especially American indulges in, there is none which sounds more odious to us than the interminable one which we find them uttering at the "progress," as they term it, of the Americans. We here ourselves lightly upon this subject in another place; but nothing is more common of the "enlargement" of Paris—the "elegant pleasure" which their salerooms would be at—a plain lineage, as introduced—or, worst, instead of the "straight-laced-ness" which we inherit from our Quaker, Huguenot and Puritan ancestors; and, above all, the "dullness" of the manners of the Anglo Saxon, every where.

Hegarth and Addison satirized the frivolities and ungenuineness of continental manners, and inveighed against introducing foreign follies among the sturdy Britons; and, down to this day, whenever any is the subject of ridicule or extravagance of a portion of the English wealth and aristocracy, the great body of the nation, as a plain literary people, is introduced as representative

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Notices of New Works.

The Ladies' National Magazine, *for April*.—A very good number, indeed: an unusually good one. We think we never saw any where a prettier ladies' plate than the colored one in this number. Ladies, and the ladies who ought to know all about such things'—pronounce it even more correct and beautiful. Then the reading is charming. "Gabrielle," is worth the price of the number; and the "Lovers," a elegant tale, is worth a great deal more. But people do not take magazines solely for the contents, so we shall proceed to describe the embellishments. Of these, a specimen will be found in the charming tale on our last page, entitled "*The Rich Day Present*," which in the most interesting manner, tells its own story. There are several other stories of a domestic character in this number, which are very well written, but not probably the most valuable article in the number, is by Dr. Newton, and is entitled "The Physical Education of Women." This is a subject of great importance, not only to the health, but to the beauty of our fair countrywomen—and the world owes the Doctor a debt of gratitude, not the less for his having taken up the subject in a humorous manner. Dr. Newton is a man of sense, and a writer of sense, and we hope that his excellent article will be read by every mother in the land, and by every daughter

Selected Poetry.

CHORUS.

FROM THE DESTRUCTION OF JERUSALEM.

[The following is a translation from one of the two Latin dramas of George Buchanan, entitled "Jephthes, sive Votum," in the Tenth, or Sophomore, class of Latin; with a grandmother's fondness, he still calls them "those Latin dramas of my boyhood," and with a college friend, now a banker of the old school, he quotes them.]

Glittering Zephire moveth unimpeded
Through the yielding air;
Lo! my watery gentle weeping,
Lest her mother's ear should hear,
When the watery lovely sleeping,
Thus by curtesie betrayed,
Lingers thereat the fountain's brim.

Woe, Oh, woe shall light ensuing,
Till the dawning hour
When the bilious lone ensueth,
And the golden star of morning,
Tended radiant flame attendeth,
When shall freedom, holy chanter,
Thrice the welcome song repeating,
When shall tiered, proud in armour,
Shout the Roman conqueror?

To the boldly bade defiance,
Flown is mirth in Phœnix's dream;
Can we now, with bone content,
Sit in halls, a banquet?
Chilled heart, sought again me,
Chilled heart, sought again me,
Gone the hope that erstwhile filled you
From a tyrant's haughty power!

When this child should be lifted,
Who this child to long envoy,
When the bilious lone ensueth,
Hovered o'er your sandy couch?
Virgin home, for ever cherished,
Ted Arabia's weary wild,
Thine in verdant ever-spring,
Easin is brown grandsire gone!

Father fled, Oh shameful, shameful,
Mother fled ere grey years said;
Whither fled ere grey years said;
Dead to freedom's holy cause?
Stones of Aaron's been counted
God of Heaven! is mercy fled?
Hear the woe-mere captives pray'r
Or my life-prayer is your answer?
Smoke their sorrows, calm their cries?

God of power! whose name empowereth,
Rule the wheel-car wont the deep,
Or the wrecked ship's helmsman
Kobed in glossy radiance shone;
Thou, the Hebrew's God, remember
Thy ancient mercy, Lord!
Say, shall Israel, true brother,
Triumph with thy?

If the sword of decision
Had not ceased to carve equal,
And thy chosen generation
Fourteen in the battle fell
Group, Oh God, thy flowing thunder,
Launch thy shaft, and thy lightning,
Cleave their battlements asunder!
Make their footpaths slippery!

Shall the heathen, haughty symbol,
Swell with victory's pride,
Race profane, the fury blinded,
Rule the Hebrew's holy land?
Hast thou dared in mad resistance,
Tyrant, to assail Jehovah?
Shall not Heaven's supreme sentence,
Snatch ye there by mortal hand?

Wreck aroused! thy fleeting gladness
Lower-ward sinks in darkness;
Short-lived pleasure yields to sadness,
Sad is man's estate.
Mark the lambs, mark the tender
Of the flock, how they bleat!
Widow mingles with her children,
Groups thee in her own chair.

From the Magazines.

FROM STEPHEN'S LADIES' NATIONAL MAG. FOR APRIL.

THE BIRTHDAY PRESENT.

BY CAROLINE ORNE.

> Whatever it she is
> Her heart weighs what she finds.
> *Rose Wall.*

The beams of a summer sunset were gilding the ivy-mantled seattlements of an old and half-ruinous castle that threw its dark shadow across a narrow stream that washed the base of the rugged height on which it stood. The river, dark and swollen, where nothing impeded its course with a wild and rapid sweep, wound over the sharp rocks that lay in its bed, wreathing them with a watery foam, among which the lingering sunlight still scattered the sparks of diamonds.

In one of the dim old rooms, through which floated the breezy murmurs of the "tall, ancestral" sea; they could be heard as it beat against the ball opened lattice, at two females. One of them, Anne Howard, was of that age when the opening flower of youth was just bursting into riper bloom. Her form, in the first of sorrow as well as intellect was upon her beautiful features, and it was sad to see how much of the melancholy was mirrored in the depths of her large dark eyes, which, for many years, had laid as a blight upon that on the She was clad in a simple white robe, and her only ornament were a plain gold ring, and a casket of pearls, that partly restrained the flow of a profusion of bright raven hair.

The deepening twilight was gradually filling each remoter corner of the lofty apartment, and dimming the bright tints of the arras and the warm hues of the crimson curtains that fell in heavy folds round the bed. The only beam of light that yet lingered in the west, broke with a faint luster over a large velvet mantle that fell in rich drapery from an embroidery frame that still enclosed the work, the corners, where a few of the leaves and buds composed the beautiful pattern that bestrew'd the garment, remained unfinished.

"I never saw any article more rich, and at the same time so delicate," said the companion of Anne, as she sat regarding the mantle.

"Yes, it is well enough," replied Anne, "and though it has been a task that has given me some pleasure, it has caused me still more pain. Oh! Margaret, if Philip Howard, when he looks upon these buds of flowers, could only know how many of them have been wet with my tears—how many—" Her voice broke, and burying her face in her hands, she, for a long time, remained silent.

When she again looked up twilight had deepened into night. A late lamp cast its open casement gave out a few cold, broken rays as the breeze swept its strings. She took it up, and she touched its chords with a wilful hand, she watched a little air engrossed of the deepest melancholy.

"Sweet, but far too sad," said Margaret.

"Nothing can be too sad for the deserted and the—may she well say it—the hated wife of Philip Howard."

"If he could only see you," replied Margaret, "he would not, could not hate you."

"It is not likely that we shall ever meet again," said Anne.

"Is it not a very long time since you saw each other?" enquired Margaret.

"He has never seen me since our marriage, which, as you are aware, took place in strict accordance to the wishes of our parents when we were children. We stood at the altar—he to commence his travels on the continent, I to return to my parental home. Unknown to him, I by chance saw him once since he returned."

"And he has never expressed any wish to see you?"

"Never. On the contrary, he has ever resented every menace taken by his grandfather the Earl of Arundel, as being about a meeting. Flattered myself at once, if he ever did think of me at all, it is only as the obstacle to his ambition."

"What is Philip Howard, that he should look higher for a wife than to the ancient and honorable family of Dacre?" said Margaret.

A faint smile flitted over the features of Anne.

"You know, friend, then," said she, "that it is whispered at court that if he were not wrecked with a wife might be raised even even to the hand of the queen."

"It is but basely to do so foul slander, intented by some person who would add to your misfortunes. I only wish that we could bring us proportion to my will, and he should obtain a sight of your beauties as was a year ago."

"Not for worlds would I hazard a meeting," said Anne, "I lose only endure the pain of desertion. I feel the necessity to encounter the direct marks of his hatred and disdain."

And you counted and held his the mate that you have united and wept ever for months. I would see it on the shoulders of a foreign fool."

"Yes, I do intend to send it to him."

"What if he should reject it?"

"He may, yet I think he will. He is naturally mild, gentle and generous, and cannot find it in his heart to inflict unnecessary pain even upon me. Come, Margaret, set that the finished the embroidery-frame, for it must be finished to-night."

It was near midnight when Anne had completed the cutching. Before folding it she fastened a scrap of paper to one of the corners, on which she wrote these words:

"A birthday present from your wife, who, though exiled from your presence, never ceases to pray for your welfare."

A page was then called, to whose care she entrusted it, with directions to send it off early in the morning for Greenwich, where the queen was then holding her court, and desired it into Philip Howard's own hands without telling him for it was come.

"Why at grass this morning," said Sir Ralph Hewet, addressing Philip Howard, as they stood in the presence chamber of Greenwich Palace.

"It is time for me to look grass, I think," he replied, "for I am the day twenty-five years old."

"A very venerable age, truly," said Lord Egerton, who had listened to their remarks.

"And a still better reason for his gravity than the weight of twenty-five years," said Sir Ralph, "is, that he has been a Benedict for at least one half of them."

"Upon my word, Howard," said Lord Egerton, "I always took you to be a bachelor. How happened it that you turned your thoughts toward matrimony at the tender age of fifteen?"

"My thoughts turned as they were guided," replied Howard, unblushing. "My grandmother and the Lady Dacre laid their heads together, and made the match between them."

"And you presume you have not been ill-used by so kindly and considerately provided you with a wife?" enquired Sir Ralph, with a significant smile, "and a wife, too, of the noble family of Dacre, and one, moreover, in the bloom of beauty, and in the prime of life, in which you are held by all the ladies."

"I am sure I have a right," said Howard, "to complain, since I have the privileges of bearing it as far behind as the chain that I wear upon it in front, which, by the by, I must soon—as you not perceive that we have drawn a little on the eyes of the queen."

As he spoke there was a stir near the door, and shortly after a slight, slender figure, clad in a complete air, followed his way in the spot. Philip Howard stood, and pressed a packet into his hands, immediately withdrew.

"A present from some fair admirer, friend, I will wager the less of my best doublet," said Sir Ralph, "for though the little page was evidently muffled, it was plain to see that he was the air of a Hampton."

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"Who could it possibly be?" said one of them.

"I cannot tell," was the reply, "but suppose it was some rustic maid whom he had left behind him in the country. One thing I do know, however, she was the loveliest creature that ever my eyes rested on. She was the one who enhanced the effect of her charms, was the air with which she tripped down the corridor from the Park, afraid, no doubt, that she should be discovered and brought back to court which she had assigned her."

"Why did you not keep your eye on her?" said the other voice.

"I did as long as I was able, but a thicket of overgrowth hid her from my view, and as I had made up my mind to go in pursuit of her my self-love was not much injured."

"What if she had hid herself in this palace?"

"I do not think she has, for her course was a different direction at the time I lost sight of her."

"Then will, at least, be no harm in looking," said Anne.

Anne, when she heard this, ran to the door that led to the corridor, and was just about finding the persons so near as to render it impossible for her to escape, when the door burst in the arras. Before she had time to effect her purpose one of them had entered the pavilion. He was a tall, handsome young man, and Anne, who had not been used to the easiness ignorant of the advantages bestowed on him by nature.

"By all the mass, it is she," he exclaimed, "and a kiss, my pretty maiden, is only a reasonable reward for the discovery that you have made to merit it."

"God knows with what earnestness and sincerity I shall set about the task," replied Howard, "but one thing I must first request of you, judged rightly!" said he, addressing Anne, "it is possible that you may find the many wrongs I have lavished upon you."

Anne did not speak, but there was no mistaking the eloquence of her eyes, which answered his appeal as she gave him her hand.

"Now I am sure that you will find in me," said he, "and may my blessings ever rest on you both."

These were his last words. Exertion and excitement had exhausted his last lingering energies of life, and sinking back on his pillow he quietly fell into that sleep which can never be broken.

Philip Howard, now Earl of Arundel and Surrey, was buried with the honors due his rank, and took up his residence at Arundel Castle, where, if the people can now be said to enjoy more superior was the happiness of the domestic circle. Anne Howard was the first to discover which he had so long been fastened and declined. Her husband, on the return of his birth-day present, he purchased back at a high price the casket of pearls, and it was long glowing on its border, that was not dearer to him than the jewels in his coronet.

FROM THE LADIES' NATIONAL MAGAZINE, FOR APRIL.

"WRITE FROM THY HEART."

BY MRS. FRANCES S. OSGOOD.

> Ah! woman still
> Must veil the shrine,
> Where feeling feeds the fire divine,
> Nor sing at will,
> Lest Fame
> The music poisoned in her heart!
> Ah! still
> Must light the lyre,
> The wreathed flowers from the spray,
> Alar to flout,
> And fling them scorned,
> Within the lone, neglected urn!
>
> Oh! some can know
> Who have not known
> The sorrow of the lonely bud,
> Ah! some can sing
> As one of dawn,
> He watched a wild-bird from the lawn.
>
> The world would say
> That Heaven had lent
> To Philomel the listener's child,
> And Philomel
> Should veil the shrine,
> Where softly glow her fires divine!

Selected Articles.

A VERMONT JUDGE.

The author of "Letters from a Landscape Painter," has a notice of Berrington, Vermont, says:

"I would mention, in this connection, Judge Meech, the farmer who resides just without the town; and I would say, that his mortal part is six feet and a half high, and weight four hundred pounds, and a mind and countenance in body as well as in mind, of the immortal Jack Falstaff. He is the proprietor of the township in the east gore, a property which contains three thousand acres, and at the present moment gives bread to nearly that thousand sheep. The Judge is one of the most to be envied men I ever knew. The greatest part of his life as a trapper in the wilderness, and the present moment finds him seated in easy and contented shop